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MESSAGE: Attached is a draft Amendment in application Serial No. 09/440,137.

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**AMENDMENT**

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2003 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due November 29, 2003.

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$110 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now December 29, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.